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Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2001 which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicant submits that claims 1, 27 and 29 are generic to all species.

Furthermore, Applicant selects the patentably distinct species as depicted in FIG. 7 of Applicant's application. As such, the Applicant submits that claims **1-3 and 27-30**, as they currently stand, all read upon the elected species.

To the extent this restriction requirement is maintained by the Examiner, the Applicant reserves the right to subsequently file divisional or continuation applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the non-elected groups of claims. Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected groups of claims into the present application upon the allowance of the generic claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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